THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) to (c) whereas Indian Airlines proposed to operate Boeing services to Tirupati, this has not been possible since Tiruprti airport is not suitable for operations by Boeing-737 aircraft.

Interlinking the State Capitals by Air

732. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether every State Capital in the country is directly interlinked by air ;

(b) if not, whether Government have any scheme to do so ; and

(c) which of the State Capitals are not so linked as on the 30th June, 1989 ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AFIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) No State Capital in the country is directly interlinked with all other State Capitals.

Cost of Electricity Generation in the Country

733. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the average cost of generation of electricity in the country and at what average cost it is being made available to the cultivators Statewise ;

(b) what is the average cost at which it is supplied to the industrial sector, State-wise ; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to provide electricity to the cultivators and small scale industrial sector at lower rates?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) and (b) A statement showing the State-wise average cost of generation and supply as well as average rate of realisation from agricultural and industrial sectors for the year ending 31st March, 1989 is given in Statement.

(c) The power in relation to fixation of tariff for different categories of consumers including agricultural and small scale industrial sectors vests with the State Governments/State Electricity Boards in terms of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.